

# MESSENGER



## Outreach Opportunities

April chapel will be the week we return from Spring Break Tuesday, April 11 for Toddlers and 2-day Twos and Wednesday, April 12 for Threes and PreK in sanctuary and 3-day Twos in classrooms. **We will be accepting donations of snacks for teachers who may have forgotten their lunch or are looking to sustain their energetic teaching style - think granola bars or popcorn.** This was also a big hit for providing snacks to students during academic mentoring for Hope Hill elementary students. (If you wish to plan ahead for May chapel, we will collect individual healthy snacks for children.)

**MPP kids have raised over \$9200 since 2008 for CHOA**

Coin banks will be collected at chapel the week we return from Spring Break. Thanks to classes that did breakfast and popsicle events that raised additional funds for the Children's Programs that cheer up children when they are in the hospital.



### DIAPER & CLOTHING DRIVE FOR OUR HOUSE APRIL 24-MAY 12

We are collecting much needed supplies and clothing for the children of Our House, sizes 6 weeks – 5 years. Specifically, Our House needs the following: Gently Used clothing, Wipes, Diapers and pull-ups (all sizes accepted, but they always have a need for sizes 3T-5T), Formula (Good Start and Similac). Our House breaks the chain of homelessness by providing quality early childhood education and comprehensive support services for families facing homelessness. Additionally, in 2014, Our House merged with Genesis Shelter – an 18-family unit, 76 bed shelter program for homeless families with newborns. This is a great outreach project to involve your children. Please drop off your gifts outside the school between April 24-May 12. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Libby or Nicole Cook.



Contacting the Office  
404-685-8758 calls & voice messages for MPP business

Call or text Director Melinda Sandkam's cell 404-687-0683 for urgent communications

[mpp@morningsidepc.org](mailto:mpp@morningsidepc.org) school business and emails regarding children being sick or permission being given for someone else to pick up children  
Office Hours  
Mondays-Thursdays 8 am - 4:30 pm  
Fridays 8 am - 2 pm

## WELCOME BABY AVERY

Congratulations to the Counihan Family on the arrival of Avery Virginia on February 28. His big brother Francis is in the Younger Toddlers.



## Building Block Sets for each class and books, books, books from Book Fair!

The children of MPP benefit from the Book Fair with \$970.14 in books! Thanks to the fabulous support from our community, we will receive every book on teacher wish lists and also books in response to our Strategic Plan Imperative to continue to grow diversity and cultural awareness. We also recently purchased 'Building Blocks' sets for each class room that teach children to embrace diversity.



## THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF DINE OUT

Another great evening at El Taco - many thanks for their support of early childhood education - and thanks to the families and friends of MPP for helping us earn \$523 towards the annual budget that covers everything from paint and construction paper to continuing education for our teachers!

## Calendar Reminders

*Remember, you can stop automatic payments now! The March 1st tuition paid for April and your deposit last year pays for May 2017.*

**School CLOSED Spring Break 4/3-7**

**Ms. Erin's Birthday Sat. 4/8**

**Ms. Betsy's Birthday Mon. 4/10**

**Remaning Class Pictures Tues. 4/11**  
**5-day Threes, 2-day Twos, Ms. Deena & Ms. Courtney's PreK**

**In-Class Chapel for Toddlers & Twos Tues. 4/11**

**Chapel for Threes & PreK 9:15 Wed. 4/12**

**In-Class Chapel 3-day Twos**

**Ms. Donna's Birthday Wed. 4/12**

**School CLOSED Good Friday Fri. 4/14**

**Easter Egg Hunt 11 a.m. Sat. 4/15**

**Earth Day Celebration 8:50-9:30 Wed., 4/19**

**Mr. Greg's Musical Madness 9:30**

**Spring Fling 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sat. 4/22**

**Ms. Liz's Birthday Thur. 4/27**

## Yearbooks

Order a MPP 2016-2017 yearbook to be received before the end of school. Cost is \$20 cash or check (be sure to indicate "yearbook" in memo of check to MPP) and turn in to Melinda. If you have an incredible picture or two that would be great in the yearbook or for the PreK movie at graduation, please send to Megan Graddy [megan.graddy@gmail.com](mailto:megan.graddy@gmail.com)

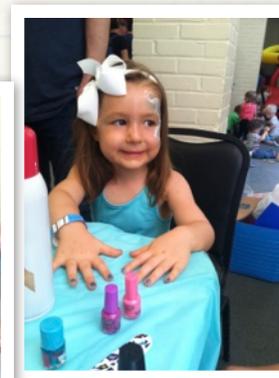
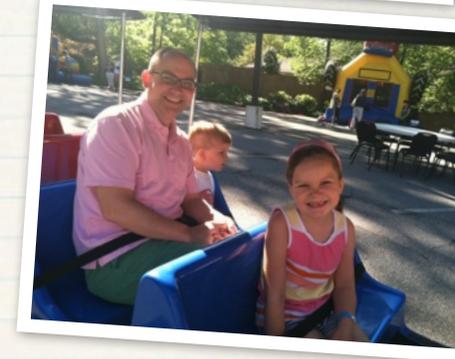
## SPRING FLING, SAT., APRIL 22

Spring Fling is April 22 from 10 am-1pm. The bounce houses are ordered, the train is reserved and the animals in the petting zoo are ready. Invite your friends and neighbors. Good times are guaranteed!

Be sure to get your orders in for Activity Wristbands, Prize Drawing Tickets, and Grill Off Tasting Tickets. The baskets are looking fabulous and the menu for the Grill Off is coming together nicely! The Grill Off will have great variety- chicken wings, pork tacos, maybe even some ribs and more! Thanks to Jon Bradway, Jamie Hadfield, Will Hudson, and Ken Williams for joining in on the fun.

Themes for this year's Prize Drawing range from Family Pool Day, Rainy Day and Family Game Night to Cocktails at Home and Wine Basket. There is something for everyone. If you can't make it to Spring Fling, you can still show your support by purchasing Prize Drawing tickets.

YOU are a key part of making Spring Fling a success! All families are asked to sign up for a volunteer shift the day of: volunteering during event 10-11:30 or 11:30-1 p.m. or clean up 1-2:30 p.m. Here is the Sign Up Genius Link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/>



## BAKE SALE AT SPRING FLING

We are so excited to welcome back Mrs. Neff's Bake Sale - a long-time Spring Fling tradition. The Bake Sale is a fun and delicious way to support Spring Fling and MPP, and we need your help to make it a success. We would love it if you would please consider baking a delicious treat for the sale. Watch for Bake Sale Sign-Up Genius. Thank you for your support!

## Earth Day @Spring Fling

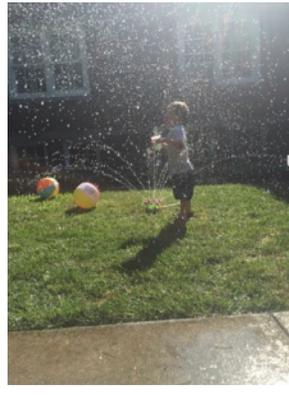
Visit the Earth Day Craft Table to create your own flowers. And, enjoy the Earth Day decorations in Fellowship Hall which are crafts made by the kids from recycled and re-used materials.



## VBS

Just a quick update on Vacation Bible School with the church. Though all other info does state correctly that it includes those who are four years old by Sept. 1, the VBS on-line registration has a glitch that offers PreK as the youngest option. Attempting to change, but just go ahead and register your child if they are 4 years old by Sept. 1. Don't miss the fun!!!

[www.cokesburyvbs.com/morningsidepresbyterianchurch](http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/morningsidepresbyterianchurch)



## Remaining Summer Camp Openings - Don't Miss Out

There is still some availability in each age group for the two 4-day holiday weeks (Camps 1 & 5). ALL non-holiday weeks (Camps 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 & 8) have gone to wait list for (completed) Twos. However, be sure to add your child's name to wait list if you are interested in these weeks as we just need a few more children each week to be able to add a second class (we were able to add a second class for most weeks last summer). Weeks 3, 4, 7 & 8 of (completed) Toddlers camps have also gone to waitlist. Once again, the earlier we know of demand, the earlier we can decide whether we can add a second class.

Register TODAY!

## EARTH DAY CELEBRATION WED. APRIL 19

Plan to stay for a bit on Wednesday morning, April 19 when we celebrate Earth Day here at MPP! After arrival, join us in Fellowship Hall 9-9:30 to view environmental art from each class - children will join us before their Litter Bug Concert by Mr. Greg's Musical Madness which begins at 9:30. You are always welcome to stay for performances and we'd be happy for you to join us if you like. Each year, our students make some exciting art with re-usable items.  
- the Environmental Committee

## All Are Invited to Holy Week at Morningside Presbyterian

The doors of Morningside Presbyterian Church are always open to all. If you are seeking a place to worship for any of the Holy Week services, please join us. And, if you are looking for a great Easter Egg Hunt, don't miss out on

Saturday, April 15 at 11 a.m. Palm Sunday worship, Sunday, April 9, 11 a.m., Maundy Thursday worship April 13, 7 p.m. and Easter Worship 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday, April 16.

